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Letter dated 29 May 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Kuwait to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

More than 90 days have elapsed since the adoption of Security Council resolution 686 (1991), in which the Council stated that it was mindful of the need to be assured of Iraq's peaceful intentions, and demanded that Iraq rescind immediately its actions purporting to annex Kuwait. Subsequently, Iraq announced that it had decided to rescind all those actions (S/22370). But despite its acceptance of all the resolutions adopted by the Security Council, the Iraqi regime continues to reiterate and reaffirm positions which do not reflect good intentions, but rather signify danger, in the light of the obstinacy and hostility it has demonstrated in the past.

In an interview granted to the Jordanian newspaper Sawt al-Sha'b, published on 27 May 1991, the Vice-President of the Iraqi regime, Taha Yasin Ramadan, made the following statement at Sana'a:

> "If history repeats itself, our position will remain unchanged; the statement that Kuwait is a part of Iraq is neither controversial nor fictitious, but factual. We are convinced of it ... to date, we have had no choice but to yield ... Consequently, when we entered Kuwait, there was no question of withdrawing after the Americans and their allies said that they would strike at Iraq ... why withdraw ... if we did, it was on our own initiative and we are satisfied. During the mother of all battles, we made immense sacrifices. But thanks to well-organized efforts, with modest but constant resources, we will reap the fruits of that battle during the next battle, and for that we will rely on the people and on the national leaders."

He continued in the following terms:

"At the root of it all is the economic embargo, and that is why we must talk about it and voice the anger which it provokes among us, and we must continue to protest ... That is why we demonstrate flexibility in our political relations at the moment. It pays - provided that this does not lead to a renunciation of permanent, legitimate rights."

In another interview, granted to the Egyptian newspaper Al-Sha'b, published on 28 May 1991, the Vice-President of the Iraqi regime made the following statement:

"From the time it entered Kuwait, Iraq knew that the United States and a number of States would not applaud. Until 15 February 1991, and in the communiqué which we have mentioned, we said that Kuwait was Iraqi, and we continue to say so even today."

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 153, and of the Security Council.

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